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1. Lat National Corporation, previously called Avia, is located on the edge of Kunovice (P 50/T 09) airfield. Aircraft are being repaired there, and the repaired aircraft are test flown by soldiers. * [redacted] believed that the planes at the time were small single-engine biplanes, probably of the Cap type. ** [redacted] never saw more than two planes at the same time. It was generally known that the repair of aircraft would also continue when the new factory on the western edge of the field was in operation.

2. On 3 October 1951, the new factory building was completed except for its inside fittings. It was rumored [redacted] that Russian aircraft were to be manufactured there. ***

* [] Comment. [] previously reported on Kunovice airfield; see [] and the present report indicate that large scale construction work was performed at Kunovice airfield. However, the two reports differ as to the description and location of individual objects. []

Annex. The location of the N4-SW runway appears suitable. The other two lanes under construction possibly are taxiways. Their widths, however, are probably overrated.

Comment. The single-engine biplanes possibly are of the Buecker-131 type which was manufactured in the Dimitrov Plant, previously Avia, at Letnany, or a Soviet Po-2 trainer. They definitely are not the Cap (Storch) type which is a high-wing monoplane.

*** Comment. If the 2,200-meter long runway is actually under construction it would indicate that fast aircraft are to be manufactured in the aircraft plant. A shorter runway would be sufficient for test flights by trainers.

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Legend:

- 1 Aircraft Repair Plant let, previously referred to as Avia
- 2 New Aircraft Plant let
- 3 Runway under construction, 120 x 2,200 meters
- 4 and 5 Taxiways under construction, each 80 x 1,800 meters
- 6 Assembly hall, brick building with wooden roof, 10 x 20 x 80 meters
- 7 Hangar of corrugated sheet metal, 15 x 60 x 120 meters
- 8 Depot, brick structure with flat concrete roof, 8 x 30 x 50 meters
- 9 Administrative building, brick structure with tarred cardboard roof, 15 x 20 x 100 meters
- 10 Depot, ferro-concrete structure with flat roof, 20 x 50 x 100 meters
- 11 Administrative building, brick structure with tarred cardboard roof, 15 x 20 x 100 meters
- 12 Mess, brick building with tarred cardboard roof, 15 x 20 x 100 meters
- 13 Quarters building for laborers, brick structure with tarred cardboard roof, 10 x 20 x 100 meters
- 14 Quarters building for convicts, 15 x 20 x 100 meters
- 15 Assembly hall, about 10 meters high and 200 meters wide
- 16 Garage, brick building with concrete roof, 10 x 15 x 30 meters
- 17 Motor vehicle repair shop, brick structure with concrete roof, 10 x 15 x 20 meters
- 18 Boiler house, brick structure with plexiglas roof, 10 x 20 x 20 meters
- 19 Brick depot, 8 x 10 x 20 meters
- 20 New spur track from old to new aircraft plant
- 21 New road to new plant
- 22 Hospital in Uherske Hradiste
- 23 Kunovice railroad station

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